

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2023**

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. Glen S. Searle, Chairman
Mr. Scott Ellis, Commissioner
Mr. Walter A. Morrison, Commissioner

EWWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William G. Burke, Facilities Manager
Ms. Cristina Zghibarta, Department Assistant
Mr. Joe Rock, Chief Operator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Robbie Robinson, Contractor, Waterfront Builders Inc'
Mr. Roy Anderson, Attorney, representing 11 Field Club

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Board of Waste Water Commissioners of the Town of Edgartown held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Edgartown Wastewater Facility, 330 West Tisbury Road, Edgartown, Mass. At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Walter A. Morrison called the meeting to order. Also present from the Board were Waste Water Commissioner Scott Ellis; Commissioner Glen S. Searle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update: CIP Projects, CWMP and AMP, Tighe & Bond – Facilities Manager gave briefing

Facility Manger, Mr. Burke, gave an update about the SCADA Upgrade Project, stating that minor electric work is to be finished up by the Fall River Electrical Association Co. which is scheduled to be on site after Labor Day. The Operations and Maintenance manuals have been reviewed and approved. The final balance, with credit value to ITS, is being negotiated. The Schwing hydraulic pack is on site

and it is scheduled to be installed and mechanically tested by Pride Environmental, ultimately being able to work in tandem with the new Rotary Screw press. The Penn Valley pumps have been installed and are operating and the vendor will be doing the official start up shortly after Labor Day.

New Business:

Discuss/Vote: Contract to rent rotary screw press

Mr. Burke discussed the proposal agreement submitted by SBI Rents, Inc.’ for the lease of a Screw Press for processing the facility’s waste sludge and producing a sludge cake with solids above 17%. Mr. Burke stated that at the moment, the screw press is needed and is an ideal option for achieving the required expectations in terms of sludge processing. The Board reviewed the contract and moved forward to accept the contract agreement and rent the Screw press for a three (3) months term. Commissioner Searle, made a motion to approve the contract to rent the Rotary Screw press for the three (3) months term. Commissioner Ellis, seconded. Unanimous.

Discuss: 11 Field Club – Sixth bedroom in basement, building alterations

Mr. Roy Anderson, Gartner & Bloom P.C. attorney, appeared on behalf of Waterfront Builders Inc.’ and the owners of 11 Field Club. He presented the proposed construction and spoke about new architectural plans for 11 Filed Club that shows an extension from the main house to the garage, an outdoor patio with a grill and entertainment center and an addition of a half bathroom in the existing pool cabana. Mr. Anderson stated that the pool cabana, designed in 2017, was preapproved by the building inspector with a full bathroom. After the Wastewater Department received the latest application for the proposed project, Joe Rock, Chief Operator and Cristina Zghibarta, Department Assistant, visited 11 Field Club for a bedroom and drain count. Conforming to Wastewater Department bedroom regulations, six (6) rooms met the criteria to be considered as bedrooms. Commissioner Searle, reminded everyone that any property on Field Club may only have up to five (5) bedrooms based on the ‘Field Club plan’. Mr. Robinson, contractor of Waterside Builders, pointed out that in 2017 the house plan was presented as is and approved by the Building Inspector, and that the room in the basement, labeled as a media room, was only considered a bedroom after the visit performed in July, 2023. Chief Operator Rock stated that he saw five (5) bedrooms at that time when he reviewed the house back in 2017. Chairman Morrison stated that at the moment the room in the basement has met the expectations of privacy, it’s a living space area over 70 square feet size, with double doors and a full bathroom built. Overall the Field Club was allowed to be built by a permit issued by the MassDEP, with the condition that the total number of the bedrooms wouldn’t exceed the amount DEP permitted, which was 125 bedrooms. The Field Club Association decided how to apportion the bedroom count in the agreement, which in the current plan there are no lots with more than five (5) bedrooms allowed. Two other properties at the Field Club had also added additional bedrooms which would put the total bedroom count above the 125 bedrooms allowed. Chairman Morrison suggested to the owners to remove the shower and the double doors of the room located in the basement which would allow the Commission to move forward in approving the permit for the new proposed project. Attorney Anderson disagreed with the bedroom count and also objected to the inclusion of the full bathroom as being a criteria of a bedroom as there is no mention of bathrooms in the bedroom regulations. A short back and forth on the criteria of a bed occurred between Chairman Morrison and Attorney Anderson in which both sides continued their disagreement on what

constitutes a bedroom. Commissioner Searle made a motion to continue the item to the next Regular Meeting and Commissioner Ellis seconded. Unanimous.

Other Business:

Discuss/Vote: Nickel Lane sewer extension

The Commission reviewed the Nickel Lane extension proposed by Keith Fenner of Fenner Construction LLC.' There was a discussion about the bedroom count and flow associated for each lot. Commissioner Morrison noted that the houses declining to connect to the current sewer main which has limited capacity would be required to connect to the sewer after the CWMP was completed and the Town had to comply with the MaDEP new nitrogen limits. Hence these properties declining to connect would forever lose their ability to connect to the sewer. The Board decided to postpone this item pending more information from the CWMP, looking into the future DEP nitrogen permit and other potential developments. Chairman Morrison, made a motion to postpone this item for further information. Seconded by Commissioner Ellis, Unanimous.

Update: Edgartown Wastewater employee housing

Joe Rock, Chief Operator, reported that have been discussions about the need of work force housing to maintain the Wastewater staff. Due to the housing crises and rent increase, it becomes harder to find applicants and keep them at the job. Mr. Rock suggested that the Wastewater Department might have to include requiring the Town to provide housing to wastewater department staff in the next renewal of the MaDEP discharge permit. This is done in Nantucket and has allowed Nantucket to hire, develop and retain their wastewater staff. Commissioner Searle, mentioned few lots that could be used for a future plan for proposed employee housing, and he would look into obtaining more information concerning this matter. The discussion will continue after more information and details are gathered.

Facilities Manager's Reports / Chief Operator

Facility Manager Burke, reported that the Facility Treatment Plant runs according the permit. He suggested to the Board that one of the filter belt press be declared surplus put up for sale, and by selling it would save some money. Commissioner Searle, made a motion to approve and authorize Facility Manager to sell the filter belt press. Commissioner Ellis, seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Burke also had the Commissioner agree to dispose of the current polymer system as scrap with a value of less than \$500. Mr. Rock, Chief Operator, reported that the septage pit and small batch receiver is emptied and ready to be repaired. A major job was executed at 19 Whalers Walk, a force main had blown apart. The sewer main has been repaired by Wastewater staff and Keith Fenner, Fenner Construction LLC'.

Financial Report

Wastewater Department Assistant, Cristina Zghibarta reported that she had put in some time on the Capital account. The projects are complying with the Town Articles funds. She also reported on new

sewer connections, the volume of permits is rising month to month. There is a projected an increase of expenditures in the Operating accounts, and a raising revenue income for FY24.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Minutes of April, May and June on hold.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting, which Commissioner Morrison seconded; the motion carried. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Zghibarta
Department Assistant

APPROVED:

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